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We saw a woman have a fit in church the other Sunday. As we start to address the student body through this black fountain pen of ours we again feel depressed with the same unearthly feeling of incompetency that swept over us on that occasion.

It is quite true that "coming events cast their shadows before" but it's a poor fool that starts to cross a bridge trusting in the shadow of the on-coming express to warn him of the train's approach. With "compet" day after tomorrow and Ivy Day and commencement only a few weeks off, Nebraska should have started her planning for next fall, and as we begin to plan for the future it would not be amiss if we should glance around and see, if we can, to just what extent the great war has stretched its gruesome shadow towards us. To begin with, some of the boys have enlisted. Whatever you think of them personally, salute them, for they were willing. Captain Parker has received orders to leave his post here to help train officers for the great army that next August is to give us. The mechanical engineering building has been ordered closed after 6 p. m. for its equipment is so well suited for the making of munitions to be left unguarded. The campus is patrolled by military police, for the buildings are government property and valuable. The wireless is down, by order of the war department in Washington. The students at the State Farm are beginning to leave school and go back to the now truly serious business of raising a nation's food. Full credit for the semester's work is being given them. The interfraternity council has asked that social functions be curtailed and the profits of the Pan-Hellenic dance are to be given to the Red Cross work. Many are sending their applications to Fort Snelling asking admission to the reserve officers' training corps. The medical college is planning to run through the summer in order to fit its graduates as quickly as possible for government service. These are but signs of the times. Perhaps it is partly curiosity that directs our attention to them, at least with some of us that is true. Nebraska is not taking America's entry into the war too seriously, rather she is not taking it seriously enough. It the eastern schools the thunder of artillery and the whir of the aeroplane keeps the martial spirit alive. They are preparing for war while the student body at Nebraska still speculates. The time for speculation has passed the time for planning is here. We should cease wondering if we are going to be sent to the trenches in Europe and start preparing ourselves to go there when called. We should cease wondering if the allies can defeat Germany and lay our plans so as to help them do it. Individually we must plan, plan unselfishly and honestly for tomorrow will be the day of action. It means that many of us will not come back next fall. We are not pessimists; "pessimists are always cowards" we are merely sure that Cornhuskerdom will plan and act unselfishly.

Yesterday we had a patriotic rally and Nebraska expressed herself. Nebraska is not afraid of the shadow nor is she of that which casts it. She is proud of her citizens because she knows that when the time comes we will be ready to do our bit "because we're there."

The Alumni edition of the University Journal is out. It is full of the most interesting kind of news and it is to be regretted that every graduate and undergraduate will not receive one. The membership of the Alumni association is \$1.00 a year. Any one who has attended the University, whether he was graduated or not, is eligible for membership. At present the Alumni association so far as numbers go is not proportional to the benefits and pleasures that it offers its members. Every senior who graduates in June should join the association at once and keep his membership up as the years roll by. In the meantime we have another duty to perform in this direction.

Spring time is the time when most of Nebraska's traditions are perpetuated. Let us do this with dignity and honor for if Nebraska wishes to bind her graduates to her she will find no other way one-half so effective as by a fine net of pleasant memories spun over him by her traditions.

Let us this spring remember that as her graduate body grows in loyalty and number so does Nebraska grow, and to that end let us dedicate our traditions, reverently and proudly.

Technical papers throughout the country have been clamoring for a statement from the "society for the promotion of engineering education" in regard to the immediate enlistment of the American technical student in the army. The Daily Nebraskan regards it in the nature of a scoop that it should be the first paper in the country to publish a statement of the president of this society on this subject. Every one should read Professor Chatburn's article in this issue.

J. L. Harrison, civil '08, visited the engineering headquarters on his return from the Philippine Islands where he has been engaged with the bureau of public works. Harrison was supervising engineering of the soils division and his work was mainly highway building and bridge work which was carried on by the administration. Very few contracts are let for such work as it has been demonstrated that the administration can complete the jobs at a saving of from 19 to 35 per cent of price and finish them much more quickly than the contractor would.

Engineers and the War

Following is a list of engineering students who are leaving school to enter various branches of war emergency employment:

Kenneth Craig, third year civil, national guard service March 26.
 H. H. Keller, first year civil, to join regular army, April 4.
 C. D. McClellan, first year civil, engineering corps of army, April 16.
 Lowell Sims, first year agricultural, emergency farming, April 19.
 Grant Bloodgood, third year agricultural, emergency farming, April 20.
 Roy Kelly, first year mechanical, emergency farming, April 23.
 E. A. Ruttner, first year mechanical, emergency farming, April 23.
 L. K. Orr, second year mechanical, emergency work in mill, April 23.
 David Hileman, second year mechanical, emergency farming, April 23.
 H. C. Guildner, third year, six-year mechanical, emergency farming, April 23.
 Albert Busboom, second year, architectural engineering, emergency farming, April 24.
 C. D. McConnell, second year mechanical, emergency farming, April 24.

This list is the record at Dean Stout's office. There may be some freshmen who are leaving on similar duties who are not on record at his office.

Prof. Chatburn Says Engineers Can Serve Country Best By Staying In School

It goes without saying that every citizen of the United States should be a patriotic American; that he should do that for which he is best fitted to uphold the honor of his country. This war upon which we are entering may be over this summer. We all hope so. But the chances are that severe and trying times are before us; that several years may elapse before the peace for which we are longing becomes a reality. Since we are in the war let us carefully and dispassionately consider the needs of not only the present but also of the future. Preparedness, the husbanding and conserving of all our resources in men and materials, is an absolute necessity. President Wilson has told us of the importance of mobilizing the farms and industries. The fact that technically trained men are being searched out by the government proves the great need of such persons. It is hardly necessary to mention the leading part taken in the war by engineering, chemistry and agriculture. The farms are to be called into their highest state of cultivation to supply foodstuffs. Manufacturing chemists are busy making explosives, medicines and anti-septics. The engineer must devise means for transporting the raw materials to the mills and factories, and from them in turn to the place of use. Tools, machinery and equipment must be supplied with the same certainty, regularity and constancy as guns and shells. Not only are trained engineers needed here at home but on the field of battle. There are military roads to build, rivers and gullies to bridge, field fortifications and trenches to lay out and construct, siege equipment to set and operate, water supply and sanitation to provide, communication by telephone, telegraph, wireless, aeroplane to maintain, and hundreds of other things to look after. These must be done in a quick and efficient manner requiring the best, effort of thorough training and highest intelligence. In war time, also, demolition is quite as necessary as

construction, and requires a high degree of skill to do it efficiently so that it will retard the progress of the enemy and at the same time do as little damage as possible to the future occupation of the country.

It is estimated that there are in the United States about 20,000,000 men of military age of whom, perhaps, 200,000 are technically trained. This ratio of 1 to 200 is hardly sufficient in times of peace and certainly should be no less in periods of war. Should the war continue for one, two, or more years, the supply could only be maintained by the utmost efforts of the engineering and technical colleges. Some of the eastern universities in the excitement of the moment have stated that they would dismiss their classes and turn their buildings into barracks and their campuses into drill grounds. A sane view of the situation will show that much better use would be to continue these schools in the functions for which they were created. Likewise students who complete their courses will be manifoldly better able and better equipped to perform their patriotic duty to the government than if they drop their school work and take up the drill of the camp. We say nothing against patriotism; we applaud it and uphold it in every possible way; we hope every man who feels he can best serve his country in that manner should enlist. But do not be hasty. "Stop, look and listen." Wait for Uncle Sam to call. If selective conscription should prevail, and it now looks as though it would, all available persons will be listed together with the duties they can best perform. In this way an army, military and industrial, will soon be formed and each man will be able to "do his bit" in the most efficient manner.

Students are doing their duty when preparing scientifically in the school for the things outlined above. The faculty and schools can show their patriotism by remaining at work all summer, if necessary, to speed up the output.

GEORGE R. CHATBURN.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

"Ag" Mass Meeting

There will be a college of agriculture mass meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Temple regard the Farmers' Fair. An "Ag" club business meeting and election of officers will follow mass meeting.

D. G. V.

The Deutscher Gesellige Verein will meet Thursday night with G. O. Cast, 660 South Twenty-eighth. Dr. Schrag will speak.

The Bandage Circle

The bandage circle meets Thursday afternoon in the basement of the First Congregational church from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Home Economics Club

The last regular meeting of the Home Economics club will be held tonight at 8 o'clock sharp in the

Y. W. C. A. room, Temple. Officers for next year will be elected. A great deal of impatient business will be transacted. Every loyal and patriotic H. E. girl is requested to be present.

Tegner Play

The Tegner society will present a play entitled "En maste gifta sig" at the meeting Saturday night. This is a translation of the well known German play "Einer muss heiraten." The meeting will be open to all who may wish to come, and the Tegner members are urged to invite as many outsiders as possible.

Foundry Work

All freshmen taking foundry work will meet at 4 o'clock Tuesday and will port off 4 to 6 p. m. Meetings will be held every alternate Friday at the same hour. This will give each one a chance to pour his own molds at every heat instead of once or twice as was the case when heats were taken off by several classes.

The agricultural engineering department reports that it is nearly impossible to secure farm machinery this year. The equipment in the farm machinery laboratory is badly depleted and it is practically impossible to get any two row equipment, while there is a regular famine on plows of all kinds.

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